



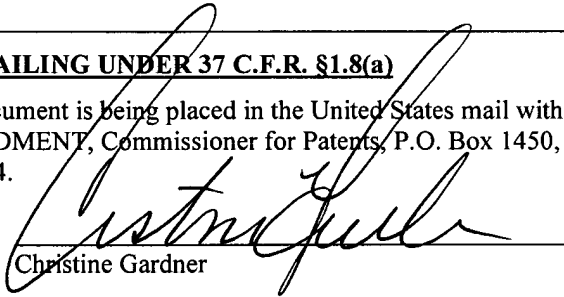
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed June 30, 2004, reconsideration of the above-identified application is requested in view of the following remarks and the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer.

REMARKS

Double Patenting Rejections

In numbered sections 2 and 3 of the Office Action, claims 1-13 of the pending application were rejected under the judicially-created Doctrine of Double-Patenting over claims 1-13, respectively, of U.S. Patent No. 6,663,359 (the '359 patent). However, the Office Action in numbered section 2 stated that a timely filed Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c) may be used to overcome these rejections. Without acceding to the correctness of any of the above rejections, enclosed herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent